

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 271/95 (MDE 30/30/95, 8 December 1995) and follow-ups (MDE 30/02/96, 11 January 1996 and MDE 30/08/96, 9 April)

- Possible prisoners of conscience / Torture / Health concern

TUNISIA Bachir ABID

Ali JALLOULI

Abdel Moumens BELANES

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Ali Jallouli and Abdel Moumens Belanes were released on bail on 16 and 17 April 1996, respectively, pending their trial. They are also awaiting retrial for prison sentences they had received *in absentia* in 1995 and 1992, respectively.

Bachir Abid had also been released on bail on 19 March 1996.

All three of them had been arrested between 28 and 30 November 1995 and had held in illegally prolonged incommunicado detention in the Ministry of the Interior, where they were allegedly tortured. To date no investigation is known to have been carried out into the allegations of torture, despite complaints lodged by their defence lawyers who confirmed that they still bore marks of torture several days later.

No further action by the UA Network is requested at present. Thank you to all who sent appeals.